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BLM Adds Energy Map Viewer to Popular NILES GeoCommunicator Web Site

In response to the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the Bureau of Land Management recently added numerous enhancements to its popular National Integrated Land Systems (NILES) GeoCommunicator web site (<http://www.geocommunicator.gov>). This public web-based application is an interactive map viewer that permits users to search and display land and mineral use authorization and conveyance records including: oil and gas, geothermal, solid mineral and coal leases, mining claims, stipulations, and more, as well as download and dynamically map Public Land Survey System (PLSS) data.

Among the new enhancements is the new Energy Map Viewer that allows users to see most of the energy related authorizations the BLM issues, all in one map viewer. The map viewer is available at:

<http://www.geocommunicator.gov/NILES-PARCEL2/map.jsp?MAP=ENERGY>

Some of the authorizations that are available include oil and gas leases/ agreements/ densities, lease sale parcels, oil shale leases, coal authorizations, geothermal, wind energy, and solar energy. A new Land Status Map Viewer has also been added, which provides land and mineral ownership and use information. This viewer contains information such as U.S. Forest Service boundaries and regulated uses, Federal land title, subsurface mineral estate for Wyoming and New Mexico, and surface management Agency boundaries. Other notable enhancements to the web site include: Master Title Plats displayed for UT and CA, and Rights-of-Way displayed by type such as power, railroad, roads, communication sites, pipelines, telephone, and more.

Acting BLM Director Jim Hughes welcomed the new Energy Map Viewer and enhancements: "We are very pleased with the success of the NILES GeoCommunicator web site and the fact that this public web site helps the BLM spatially provide important land and mineral use records information to our customers. These enhancements will continue to ensure the best user experience possible by making the web site easier to use and by providing the latest and most current information."

For more information on the National Integrated Land Systems' GeoCommunicator, please contact:

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The BLM, an agency of the U.S. Department of the Interior, manages more land -258 million surface acres- than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplished this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical cultural, and other resources on the public lands.

